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55-year-old Enterprise man arrested for DUI
Local teen killed, another critical
following four-vehicle wreck in
Houston County near Wicksburg

A four-vehicle accident in Houston County [near Wicksburg, Ala.] Monday afternoon, July 6, turned tragic for Coffee County as the wreck claimed the life of a 15-year-old female from New Brockton, Ala.

According to information released Monday night, the 15-year-old teenager was killed when a 2015 Nissan Altima in which she was a passenger was struck from behind by a 2010 Ford F150 being driven by Anthony Miquel Bishop, age 55, of Enterprise, Ala. The accident occurred on U.S. Highway 84 at the intersection of Alabama Highway 123, eight miles west of Dothan, Ala. at approximately 4 p.m. Bishop has since been arrested and was being held in the Houston County Jail [as of press time this week] on DUI charges.

Troopers said three additional occupants from the Nissan Altima were transported to Flowers Hospital in Dothan, and one of those passengers – a 17-year-old – remains in critical condition from injuries sustained in the accident.

The four occupants in the Nissan Altima were New Brockton High Schools students, and the school's Facebook page on Tuesday, July 7, had the following message posted:

"NBHS has suffered a terrible tragedy. We are heartbroken to say that four of our students have been in a car accident, and there has been one confirmed fatality. Another student is in critical condition at a local hospital."

Troopers also said two other vehicles were damaged in this crash; however, no injuries were reported to the occupants of those two vehicles.

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Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for Saturday, July 11, in Elba

The 2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show will be held this Saturday, July 11, in Elba, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The car show previously had been scheduled to be held in both March and May, however, the coronavirus health pandemic caused it to be canceled both times. Event organizers are excited to be able now to be able to move forward with the event and hold it Saturday in Elba!

This event is hosted by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers group, and all proceeds from the car show are donated to benefit the Elba Public Library.

The Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, which is held on the square in downtown Elba, will feature cars and trucks of all makes and models. There also will be arts and crafts vendors on site throughout the event.

Admission to the public is free!



Anthony Miquel Bishop, age 55, of Enterprise is the man charged with DUI following Monday's 4-vehicle wreck in Houston County that left one local teen dead and another teen in critical condition.

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The post further called for the New Brockton community to join in a candle-light vigil Tuesday evening, at 7 p.m. in honor of these students. The vigil was planned to be held on the steps of the auditorium.

After the accident Monday, Bishop also was transported to Flowers Hospital, but he was released a short time later. He was arrested on the DUI charge after his release from the hospital Monday night. As troopers continue their investigation into this accident, officials with the Dothan Post said additional charges are pending against Bishop.

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4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS LIGHT UP THE SKY IN DOWNTOWN ELBA! The City of Elba and Elba Chamber of Commerce presented its annual 4th of July fireworks show last Saturday night, July 4, at 9 p.m. from downtown Elba. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the city did not host its annual Let Freedom Ring event prior to the fireworks this year, so, the fireworks were moved to the old Miller Memorial Stadium [Foggy Bottom] in downtown Elba, which was part of the Elba High School campus until the 1990 flood of Elba. After the flood, Elba City Schools relocated from the downtown area to its current location, and a new football stadium was built on the new campus. Now, the front facade of the old Elba High School building in downtown Elba is a part of Elba's Tiger Town Park, which houses a playground, pavilions and splash pad for families to enjoy. Above, the 4th of July fireworks made a beautiful backdrop for the old high school facade at Tiger Town Park last Saturday night. The fireworks are presented each year by Elba native Mike Holderfield, and his more than 15-minute show did not disappoint again this year.

(photo by Linda Hodge, Editor)

New Brockton Council approves applying for CDBG grant funds to assist with upgrade of sewage system lift stations

by Linda Hodge, Editor

and Sewer Board.

of said structures.

Another resolution approved Monday night by council members was one appointed town clerk Debbie Andrews as the municipal election manager. Shortly after this appointment, Mayor Holley publicly announced the "Notice of Municipal Elections" for the Town of New Brockton to be held Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020 for the offices of Mayor and City Council Person for District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, and District 5.

Holley said qualifying for the municipal offices would begin Tuesday, July 7th. She said the qualifying fee for the office of mayor would be \$50 and the qualifying fee for each city council member position would be \$25. On Aug. 25th, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for New Brockton voters.

The council unanimously approved an ordinance regarding unsafe structures and dangerous buildings within the town and the steps and guidelines to enforce for repairs of the structures, and demolition

News Brief:

Elba Police arrested Genesis Harris, age 41, of Tacoma, Washington on Sunday, July 5th.

Harris was charged with domestic violence - 3rd degree, disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and possession of marijuana - 2nd degree.

Town clerk Debbie Andrews said the general fund had a balance of \$320,478.23 at the end of June. She noted income for June was \$76,395.24 while total expenses were \$52,323.35.

Council members approved paying the regular monthly bills for July. This amount was estimated at just over \$20,400 since many of those bills were not in-hand as of Monday night's council meeting.

The next New Brockton Council meeting is set for Monday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m.



Wreath Placed on Grave of Revolutionary War Patriot...

In celebration of Independence Day, members of the John Coffee National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) placed a patriotic wreath on the grave of Pvt. William Henry Harrison, Sr. (1758-1832), the only known Revolutionary War Patriot buried in Coffee County. He served in the fourth regiment of the Continental Line and in Major Brannen's Company under General Pickens, serving in the Edgfield District of South Carolina, moving with troops to Savannah and then near Augusta. Serving honorably throughout his terms of enlistment and at the conclusion of the war, he was honorably discharged. It is believed that he lived in Georgia before moving to Alabama. One of his sons is the famous "Dancing" Grancer Harrison, whose story of fiddle playing and ghostly rituals is featured in "13 Alabama Ghosts" and is buried next to him in Harrison Cemetery near Kinston. Members attending the ceremony (from left) Regent Nell Gilmer, Chaplain Peggy Stroud and Vice Regent Jacque Hawkins. Anyone who knows of any other Revolutionary War Patriot buried in Coffee County or to find out more about the Daughters of the American Revolution organization, notify Jacque Hawkins, jhawkins07176@roadrunner.com or 334-470-7095.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m., at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton. There is a limit on the number of people that can be in the meeting room, therefore, those planning to attend should call 334-894-5581 x3.

A JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE ELBA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD on Monday, July 20, 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION will be held Monday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Coffee County Farm Center building in New Brockton. Only one registration per membership for door prizes, and all members are encouraged to attend.

THE JULY 2020 MEETING FOR THE DAW WIRE-GRASS CHAPTER 99, New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, July 23, at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Park, located at 202 S. John's Street. Attendees should bring an outdoor chair if one is available. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

Reminder:

The 2020 State Primary Run-Off Election will be Tuesday, July 14, in Alabama. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

A copy of the Republican Primary Run-off Ballot for Coffee County [there is not a Democratic Primary Run-off for the county this time] is on Page 5.

Admission to the public is free!

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Good breeding consists of concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person." — Mark Twain

Ignaz Semmelweis, the obstetrical doctor at the Vienna General Hospital declared in 1846 that hand washing could prevent the spread of disease. His fellow professionals laughed at him, in spite of the fact that after the practice was put in place in one of the hospital clinics, the 10% death rate dropped drastically . . . to zero! Shortly after all this, the man was put in the insane ward because of his crazy ideas, where he died shortly afterwards (because of a hand infection that was not treated). Now here we are all these years later and many people still scoff at the practice of washing their hands to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other infections. We just commented, not advocated, because of fear of having to occupy that empty bed in the insane ward.

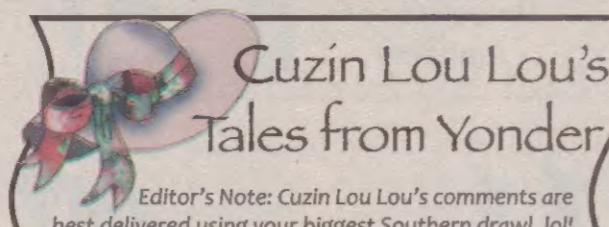
The U.S. now ranks with Brazil, Sweden and Peru as having one of the world's most rapid virus growth rates. India is fast catching up. Still we routinely hear people comment that "this will all be over once the November elections are over". We fail to understand how someone, liberal or conservative, could set up this pandemic, sicken millions worldwide, kill some 10 or 15 percent of those sickened, all to influence an election in the United States. Plus cut it off once an election is over! Now, don't try to explain it, because we would shoot holes in your ideas — regardless of how heartfelt your pleas would sound.

The primary elections run-off deal was postponed until this month but now is the time to decide which of the candidates (only Republican in Coffee County) you would rather have in the office for the next few years. Many counties have both a Republican and Democrat run-off vote coming up, but neither Coffee nor any adjoining counties (oops, except Pike County) has anything but Republicans on the ballot. Our neighbors in Troy and Brundidge will have both Democrats and Republicans voting next Tuesday. The excitement over the three races in Coffee County would not wake a sleeping night owl! U.S. Senate candidate Jeff Sessions is taunting the early front runner Tommy Tuberville. Barry Moore is jabbing at Jeff Coleman in the U.S. Representative's race while (Appeals Court judge's race) Beth Kellum and Will Smith — well we don't have a clue what they are doing. Most of that back and forth is on social media with some TV spots scattered about.

City elections are officially set for August 25th, as per the legal notice published in The Elba Clipper last week. However as of three p.m. Tuesday of this week not a single candidate had qualified! That probably means they are being modest and/or waiting to see what the opposition will be in their individual race. We understand that the sitting council members are probably going to run for another term . . . District 4 will be an open council seat, as incumbent Tom Maddox has announced he plans to run for the mayor's slot. Anyone considering running for the city council and wants to know exactly where the district lines are may get that information at City Hall or they can view a map at the Elba Clipper office. It would probably be easier to visit the Clipper office as our pandemic rules are a little more relaxed.

Cautioning friends and family members to be careful while on the roads can never be overdone. However, even the safest person can be the second party in an automobile wreck. Case in point is the four Coffee County teenagers in that tragic wreck Monday afternoon while sitting at a traffic light in Houston County. They apparently did nothing wrong, but clearly that is not always enough.

Be Safe, Wear Your Mask and Wash Your Hands!



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

Cuzin Lou Lou is drifting away from her usual light-hearted look at things this week because she is heavy-hearted... the news of the four-vehicle accident Monday afternoon in Houston County turned out to involve Coffee County teenagers. That has caused the heavy-heartedness for Lou Lou this week.

Cuzin Lou Lou learned the locals involved in the accident were students at New Brockton High School, which is less than 10 miles from her favorite place — Elba, Alabama. The chances are that Lou Lou does not know the teens involved in that wreck, but that does not keep her heart from aching for the families that either lost a loved one or are still praying hard for the recovery of another.

Accidents happen, but this one could have been avoided had it not been for, let's just say it like it is — what appears to be a stupid action by a grown man that should have known better! Lives will never be the same because of the man's actions. A 15-year-old girl that still had her life before her had that taken away — all because a 55-year-old man, someone that has been on this earth for more than half a decade, could not put the alcohol or drugs down [whichever caused him to be under the influence while operating a motor vehicle].

Because this man could not wait until he was home to enjoy his 'influence' four teenagers — children — that were seemingly doing everything right and not bothering anyone had their lives altered in a split second.

Daily, parents watch as their driving age teenagers walk out the door and get behind the wheel of the ve-

Until next time...God Bless!

Need assistance filling out your 2020 Census Report? Help is Available in Elba!

City of Elba officials have announced that several city offices would be open throughout the month of July to assist citizens with filling out their 2020 Census information. Anyone needing assistance in filling out the Census information, can make an appointment with Elba City Hall each Monday — Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.; the Elba Chamber of Commerce office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 — 5 p.m.; and at the Elba Public Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be someone available to assist with this information based on appointments.

To make an appointment at Elba City Hall call 897-2333; Elba Chamber call 897-3125; or the Elba Public Library call 897-6921.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 30, and Monday, July 6, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, JUNE 30 — Forgery reported at 221 Davis St W — an arrest was made (8:47 a.m.); Robbery reported at 626 Mullins Circle (10:52 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 595 Buford St (1:51 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1008 Elm Ave (2:42 p.m.); Forgery reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (3:03 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1335 Davis St E (3:46 p.m.); Elba FD dispatched to a river rescue at 120 Old Samson Rd (4:04 p.m.); Prowler reported in area of Jones Circle (8:36 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 706 Putnam St (9:48 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date with one report, one warning issued, and one report taken.

SATURDAY, JULY 4 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 1311 Reese Ave (3:23 a.m.); Missing person reported from Beaver Dam St (6:35 a.m.); Harassment reported at 711 Williams Ave S (2:53 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 315 Sawyer St (7:13 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 757 Williams Ave (8:21 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 806 Hwy 203 (9:42 p.m.); Fight reported at 595 Collier Circle (11:49 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date resulting in a warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 5 — Stolen vehicle reported at 535 County Rd 253 (10:38 a.m.); Harassment reported at 911 Farris Ave (12:24 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Claxton Ave N and Hwy 203 (2:55 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 839 Troy Hwy (3:32 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (5:12 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported from 1237 Jones Circle (6:49 p.m.); Noise complaint reported from Harper Dr (9:06 p.m.); Shots fired reported in the area of Lee/Jones streets (9:56 p.m.); Fireworks complaint reported from area of Forest Lake and Cherokee (10:25 p.m.); Shots fired reported from area of Reynolds Ave (11:25 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in one citation issued, two warnings, and one report.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 — Prowler reported in area of Ann St (1:00 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 213 Taylor Ave (6:28 p.m.); Shots fired reported on Farris Ave (9:55 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 822 Roosevelt Dr (11:53 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a verbal warning issued.

THURSDAY, JULY 2 — Reckless driver reported on Hwy 125 (11:00 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1279 Davis St E (4:15 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (5:06 p.m.); Harassment reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (11:02 p.m.). There were 11 traffic stops reported on this date with three citations issued, and eight warnings.

FRIDAY, JULY 3 — Gas drive-off reported at 967 Claxton Ave N (12:32 p.m.); A traffic stop on Smith Ave resulted in an arrest (7:31 p.m.); Assault reported at 990 Hwy 203 (8:46 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 401 Adkinson Ave (9:41 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1770 Hickman Ave (9:47 p.m.); Structure fire re-

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**Color-coded system guides COVID-19
reopening recommendations by ADPH**

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has introduced a new tool that allows policy makers and others viewing it to recognize the COVID-19 risk status in each county and to guide health behavior. The new COVID-19 Risk Indicator Dashboard is located on the ADPH website at alabamapublichealth.gov.

COVID-19 data has been collected since March 6 when State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris issued an emergency order declaring COVID-19 reportable, which means that individuals and entities known as required reporters must notify ADPH within a specified timeframe of any case of COVID-19, and laboratories must report all negative and positive SARS-CoV-2 test results. Required reporters include healthcare providers, healthcare facility administrators and medical examiners.

Calculation for each county's risk of COVID-19 spread in the community is based on the increasing or decreasing trend in the number of new cases each day. The number of new cases each day is determined with a rolling 3-day average to account for fluctuations in reporting. The main indicator for decreasing risk of COVID-19 spread in the community is the number of days the county has experienced a downward trend of new cases. Several factors can influence a county's number of new COVID-19

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**CHEYENNE VANESSA
BOWMAN**

Cheyenne Vanessa Bowman, age 12, of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, June 30, 2020, in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 3, 2020, at Ino Baptist Church with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to: Children's Hospital, 1600 7th Ave., Birmingham, AL 35233 in memory of Cheyenne Vanessa Bowman. Services were directed by Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise.

Survivors include her father and mother: Daniel and Connie Bowman, Enterprise; mother and step-father: Melissa and Shane Farris, Elba; brother: Joshua Bowman; sisters: Hannah Bowman and Kelsey Parks; grandparents: Paul and Melissa George, Mike and Julia Sanders, Anthony and Janet Grant, along with Howard and Jolinda Farris; great-grandmothers: Ralphine George, and Betty Sanders; uncles: Jeremy Bowman, Marshall George, and Ashley Sanders; uncle and aunt: Kevin and Toni Gamble; aunt: Kristy Stanley; and numerous cousins.

Friends may sign the register book or send condolences to the family at: www.searcyfuneralhome.com.

He is preceded in death by his wife: Mary Emma Oglesby; mother: Flora Oglesby, and son-in-law: Wayne Stubbs.

Survivors include his children: Anida Stubbs (Ron Miles), Susan Hall (Dean), Cindy Hammett (Johnny), Pam Gardner (Randy), Stacey Oglesby (Dawn); grandchildren: Kim Quattlebaum (Grady), Hamilton Stubbs (Savannah), Andrew Hall (Haley), Matt Hall, Jessie Hammett, Jody Hammett, Justin Allen, Jacob Allen, Sera Mace, Kady Bjornson (Blake), Seth Oglesby; great-grandchildren: Caleb Stubbs, Bryant Stubbs, Harley Quattlebaum, Rylee Hall, AJ Hall, Landri Hall, and Kennedy Allen.

To sign the online guest register please visit us online at dillardfh.com.

In accordance with her wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Parker family.

Ms. Parker was preceded in death by her parents - Angela Scarborough Walden and Luther John Walden, along with a grandson - Daniel Maynard.

Survivors include her daughters: Tracie (Mark) Stokes, Elba, Tammy Maynard, New Brockton, Ala.; brother: Ronnie Walden, Brundidge, Ala.; sisters: Betty Miles, of Ga., Shirley Slawson, New Brockton, and Evelyn Hodge, Elba; three grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

by Dr. John Granger, Director of Missions
COFFEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Worship analogy viewed

Soren Kierkegaard once said modern people often have the wrong perception of worship. He gave the analogy of worshippers viewing what happens at church as their attempt at worship.

The analogy drew upon the idea that the pastor, singer, choir, organist and other leaders present a show. The congregation comes to enjoy or criticize the show. If the singing and sermon happen to be good, then the people are said to have had a good worship experience.

But what if the songs were ill-chosen and poorly done? What if, just one time, the pastor's sermon was not even close to the "10" rating? Would that mean God would be completely displeased with the entire worship of the congregation that day?

Kierkegaard suggested a better concept of worship would be to understand God as being the audience and the people in the pews as the actors. They come to present themselves before God. God is the one each worshipper should "play to."

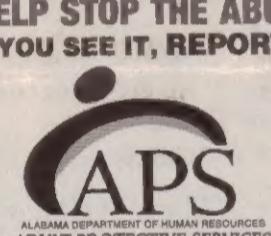
The worship leaders may be regarded as prompters for the "actors," but they would be regarded as actors, too. God would be the one who would applaud or criticize the whole affair.

This insight seems appropriate today. Those who attend church have become so accustomed to spectacular events on television and at live performances, they tend to see worship as just another show.

My comments are not meant to defend shoddy efforts of worship leaders. They are meant to remind each reader that worship is ultimately a personal concern. Each one would do well to remember, that in worship, the audience is an actual and active part of the show.

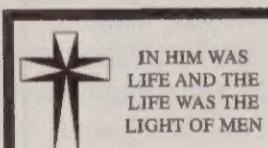
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IN LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn St. Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Miller, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Greg Hankey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Oversers - Bro. Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW BELL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirli Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBAZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

CHESNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remona Smith
Church Services . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
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NEW HOPEN BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Lorraine Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorraine Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

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Mark Cooper, Pastor
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LIFESTYLES

Harper Blount graduates cum laude from University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Harper Blount graduated cum laude May 1, 2020 from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communicative disorders.

She was on the President's List for the Spring 2020 Semester with a GPA of 4.0. Harper was a member of Delta Zeta National Sorority.

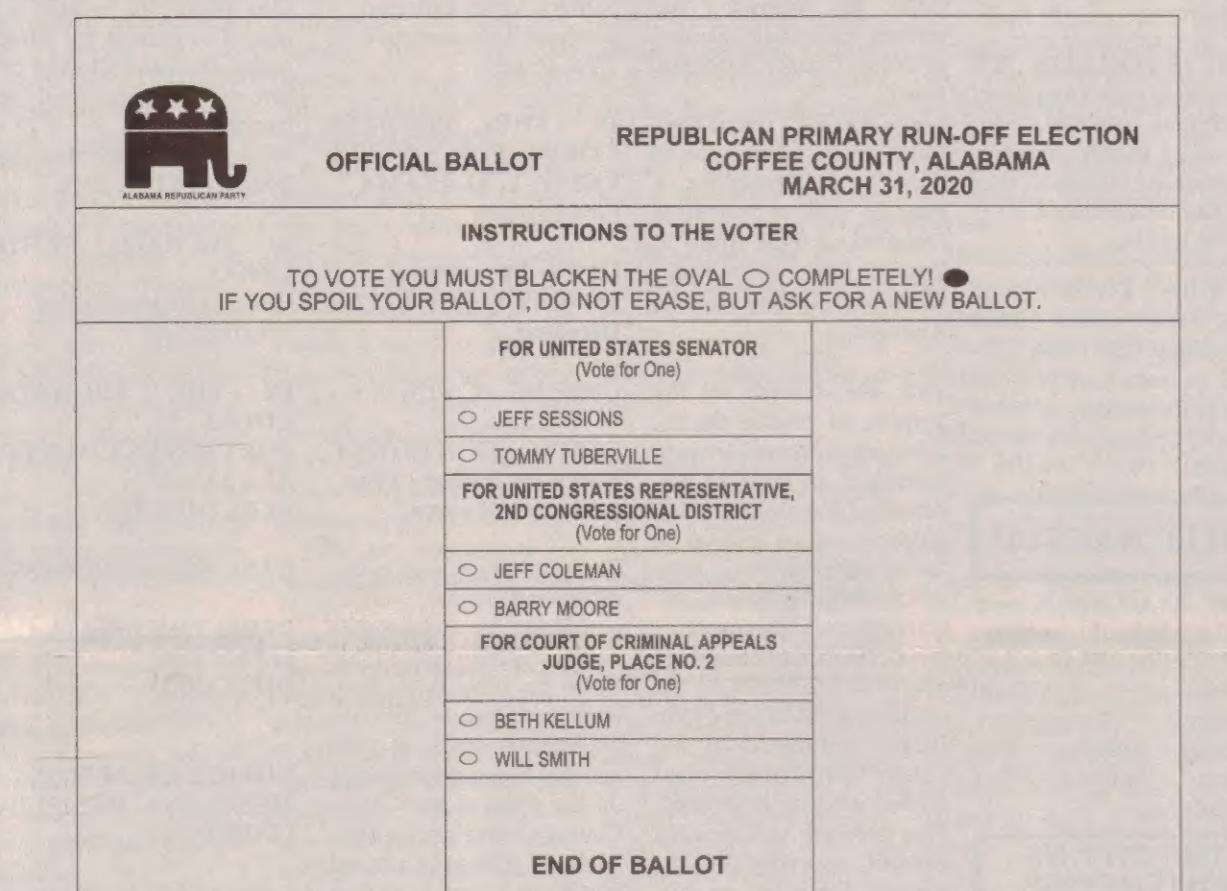
Harper's plans are to continue her education toward a Master's degree in speech language pathology in the fall at Faulkner University, Montgomery, Ala.

Harper is the daughter of Tiffany and Stephen Blount of Tuscaloosa and the granddaughter of Gloria and John Harper of Elba.

Coffee County's Sample Ballot for July 14th Runoff Election

Due to the postponement of the originally scheduled March 31 Primary Runoff Election after the printing of ballots, the sample ballots, and all ballots used on election day, will contain the election's original date. However, Alabama's Primary Runoff Election will be held on Tuesday, July 14.

SAMPLE BALLOT



Republican Women of Coffee County set to meet July 15 in Enterprise, Ala.

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, July 15, at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Hwy.

The program will be Mayor Bill Cooper, City Council President Perry Vickers, Bill Baker, and Listen Reeves. Social time begins at 11 a.m., and a \$12 optional buffet opens at 11:20. The program begins at 11:50.

The public is invited to attend, but reservations are necessary in order to ensure adequate seating and food. Please call Jan at 334-494-3763 or email rwcreservations@gmail.com to make a

Coffee County Schools assistance in identifying all persons with disabilities

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The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 recently awarded fourteen \$1,000 college scholarships to area graduating high school seniors and college students. Nine of the awards were funded locally, and the others were funded by the Alabama State Lodge. The students may use the funds at universities for academic studies or at qualified trade schools to learn a trade. The awards were announced after the meeting was opened with a prayer by the Lodge members and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the students. Pictured above are (front, l to r): State Deputy Grand Master Tommy Morrow, Scholarship winners, Tristyn Lauren Harrison, Kelcey Nicole Parks, Katyn Creel, Taylor Nicole Boswell, and Worshipful Master for Lodge 170 Ed Kelley; (back, l to r) Scholarship winners Tommy Ray Davis, EmmaLeigh Elizabeth Curtis, Kinley Laine Parker, Stone Dalton Hussey, Alunah Lynn Bunce, and Alexis Danielle Barker. All the scholarship students are from Coffee County except for Katyn Creel from Geneva County (Coffee Springs) and Tristyn Lauren Harrison from Andalusia.

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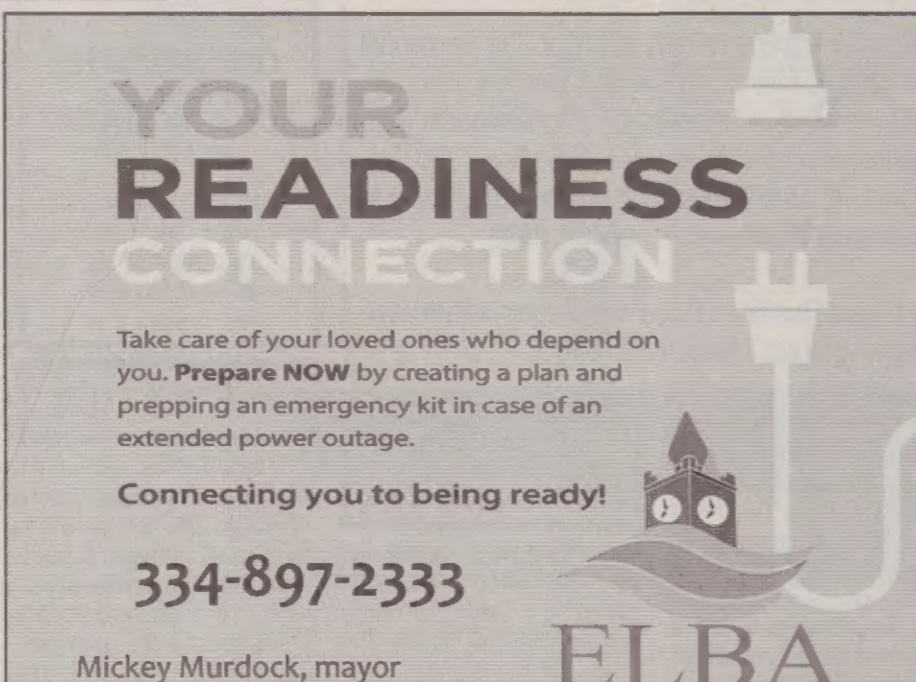


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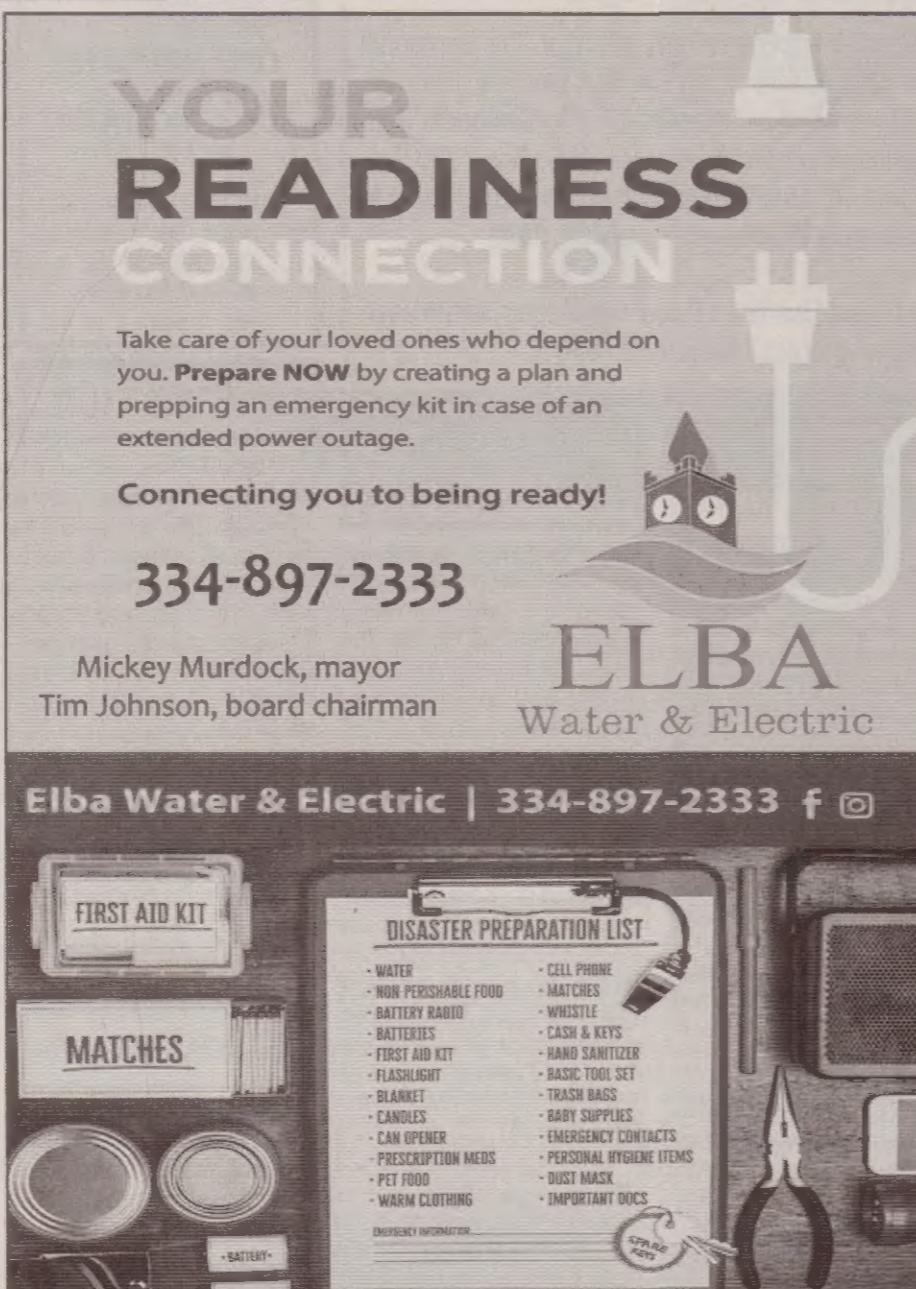
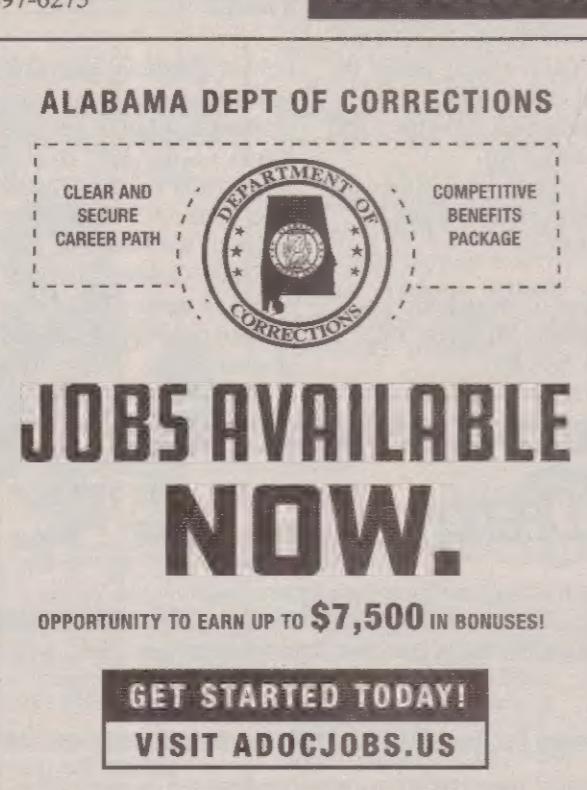
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FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated May 30, 2007, executed by Clarence Raymond Behan, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for MortgageAmerica, Inc., which mortgage was recorded on May 30, 2007, in OFFREC Book 409, Page 330, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, which mortgage was, duly transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2020, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Probate Judge

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Coffee County, Alabama, notice

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sons having claims against

said estate are hereby re-

quired to present the same

within the time allowed by

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Witness my hand this the

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/s/Mary Agnes Coleman

Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Notice to: Zachary Tyler

Address Unknown

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tration in the above-styled

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson spent the weekend with us and it was just like old times as we talked about his favorite things to do, took turns trying to defeat villains on his video game and accompanied his Nanny to town on Saturday night to watch the fireworks show. Everything changes when he comes over, but believe me it is well worth it as we try to stay involved in his growing years.

For what it is worth....

***** The high school sports world started turning again** this week after a few days off for the holiday and the players and coaches are all working hard to get prepared for the coming seasons. Here at Elba, the Tigers were back on the practice field bright and early as they continued to learn new schemes on both offense and defense under the direction of their new coach, while the volleyball team was working hard to get in shape and the sound of balls bouncing off the wall and on the court could be heard, and the Lady Tigers were also back on the basketball court trying to get in some extra practice before the players head in different directions to become band members, cheerleaders and dance line performers. School will be back in session before you know it, and the start of the sports seasons won't be far behind.

***** Area football fans will get the chance to watch a few more games this season** as Charles Henderson announced last week that it had moved two games to Thursday in an attempt to give the folks at Troy University as extra day to sanitize dressing rooms and clean the stadium before the Trojans hit the field for Saturday games. The Greenville game scheduled for Friday has been moved to Thursday, Sept. 3, while the game against Andalusia has been moved to Thursday, Sept. 17. Charles Henderson plays all its home games in the Vet, on the campus of Troy University, which is without a doubt one of the best high school stadiums in the state, and made the move to help everyone stay safe.

***** The website AL.com recently published** a sports article proclaiming the top high school football teams over the past decade, and as expected most of the teams were larger schools. The list was compiled using a points system based upon state titles, appearances in state finals, and final state rankings, and even though it really meant nothing, it did provide fans with good reading. Hoover was ranked #1, as expected with 5 state titles and two runner-up finishes in the ten-year span, while Spanish Fort was second with four state titles and one runner-up finish. St. Paul's and UMS-Wright both made the list, but no smaller schools, not even Fyffe, made the list. Oh well, it was worth reading.

***** There has been a lot of buzz about Cam Newton** joining New England and how it wasn't right that the former NFL-MVP had to settle for a measly \$1.05 million contract. Newton had earned \$121.4 million in his first nine years in the league with Carolina, but was injury prone over the past two seasons and released. Newton can cash in bonuses for making the team and having a solid year statistically, but will make only a little over \$100,000 per game if activated. I agree the salary isn't what many other quarterbacks make in the league, but I still have a hard time believing anyone is worth the salary to be made by Seattle qb Russell Wilson, who will haul in over \$3 million per game this season. I'm sorry, but the enormous salaries made by pro athletes has turned me off.

***** In closing....** I was beginning to think the fish at the Coffee County Lake were wearing masks last week until one angler came in late Saturday afternoon with two crappie that weighed over two pounds apiece. The fish were shiny silver and were the biggest I have seen in years. I guess maybe the crappie didn't get the message from the health experts.

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Two Zion Chapel teams qualify for state championships in late-July Zion Chapel Bass Team members returned to the water in June for second half of BASS Nation tournament season

Due to COVID-19 the Zion Chapel Bass Team has been missing its tournament fishing. As a matter of fact, the team was in route to Lay Lake for their March tournament and received a call from Alabama BASS Nation High School headquarters informing them the tournament had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 mandates. Thus, they turned around in Montgomery and headed home with much disappointment.

Although the team members were disappointed, they were reminded there could be more serious calls. On this note, the ZC Bass Team extends their thoughts and prayers to the families of two high school bass anglers and their captain of the Obion County Central High School in Pickwick on the Tennessee River. This team was fishing in a tournament and never returned for the weigh-in. It was almost two weeks before all the bodies were recovered. This is a reminder of the importance of following all safety rules, but accidents can happen.

Regardless of the more stringent guidelines, the ZC Bass Team began making plans to participate in their first tournament since COVID-19. They were required to implement new measures as precaution for anglers, staff, and public safety.

On May 8th, the Alabama BASS Nation High School Staff announced the second half of the season would kick off. In the announcement to continue this journey, many things were changed due to the current situation. They were required to implement new measures as precaution for anglers, staff, and public safety.

On May 13th, the ZC Bass Team began making plans to participate in their first tournament since COVID-19. They were required to implement new measures as precaution for anglers, staff, and public safety.

In the meantime, a few of the ZC anglers participated in the "clean-up" challenge on Lake Eufaula, June 13th. This was an opportunity for the anglers to display their commitment to conservation of aquatic and natural resources. This event was sponsored by BASS Nation who strongly encourages young anglers to be mindful of ways to conserve our natural resources.

During these unsettling times, BASSMASTER launched a new initiative called "Live Smart, Fish Smart." With states enforcing more and more restrictions daily, those with a passion for the outdoors have been searching for ways to stay connected to the things they love. BASSMASTERS has tried to stay connected to young anglers by sharing videos and activities to help them improve their skills.

BASSMASTER NATION, High School and College Anglers were encouraged to support this new initiative by sending photos and videos of their fishing, spending time with family, or working on a project at home. BASSMASTER shared these for other anglers to enjoy and stay connected.

As individuals, not as a team, some of the ZC anglers and their boat captains continued wetting lines and catching some big ones. In other words, Quarantine



Ethan Young and Avery Padgett went fishing at Lake Jordan as individuals the first weekend in May, and they weighed in 12 lbs of bass from this trip.



While some of their ZC fishing buddies were on Lake Jordan the first weekend of May, Trevor Lee and Kevin Dowdy decided to take to the woods and brought home this turkey from their hunting trip.



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young were among the participants in a "clean-up" challenge June 13th on Lake Eufaula. This was an opportunity for the anglers to display their commitment to conservation of aquatic and natural resources.

The ZC anglers' finishes were not what they had hoped they would be, but that is tournament fishing.

They experienced troubles that cost them fish (broken live well, broken rods, and spots previously fished came up empty). However, these determined anglers never gave up; they fished until the last minute.

With 130 boats competing, Team Dowdy/Jacobs finished 76th place with a limit of three fish weighing 4.37 lbs. Team Devos/Lee finished 108th place with a weigh-in of 1.56 lbs. Team Padgett/Young finished in 48th place with a limit of

three fish weighing 6.32 lbs., but they had a dead fish due to a broken live well and ended with 6.07 lbs. after the penalty.

This was the first year as the Zion Chapel Bass Team, and at the end of the year, their results show these anglers finished well. There were 214 high school boats that fished this tournament trail.

The team of Padgett/Young finished 21st, team Devos/Lee finished 40th, and team Dowdy/Jacobs

finished 85th.

As a result of these finishing numbers two of the ZC teams qualified to compete in the state high school championship at Lake Guntersville July 24th and 25th. These teams are anxious to finish their season well and get ready for the next year of competition.

The new schedule has been released. They are looking forward to another year of competition fishing.



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young finished in 48th place at Lay Lake with a limit of three fish weighing 6.32 lbs., but a dead fish due to a broken live well caused reduced their weigh-in to 6.07 lbs. after the penalty.



Kevin Dowdy and Landon Jacobs finished 76th place at the Lay Lake tournament with a limit of three fish weighing 4.37 lbs.

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But our sporting traditions, much like our spirits, can be hard to keep down.

This year, despite heavy odds, The ASF Foundation invites citizens of all ages to come together once more for the XXXVIII meeting of the Alabama State Games. Hosted by Dothan, Ozark, Enterprise, and the greater Wiregrass Region from July 31st-August 2nd, the 2020 games present a prime opportunity to get back into the world for exercise, competition, and—most importantly—healing through community.

With two dozen sporting events and divisions ranging from 6 years of age and under to 80 years of age and up, the Alabama State Games encourage the Olympic spirit of excellence in every Alabamian.

The Sports

Modeled after the Olympics, the Alabama State Games awards medals to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. A diverse assortment of sporting opportunities provides each and every athlete with a venue for their athletic passions.

Age ranges vary from

sport to sport and proof of age (copies of birth certificates, state-issued ID, or military ID) is required. Application fees also vary depending on the specific event.

Residents of Alabama qualify. Residents of other states can participate unless it interferes with their state's State Games.

The History

In 1982, the United States Olympic Committee requested that each state create its own model to encourage athletic participation and wellness through competition. Hoping to spread the Olympic spirit throughout statewide communities, the ASF Foundation heard the call.

The inaugural Alabama State Games took place that same year in Auburn, Alabama. Since then, both the games and the ASF Foundation

have expanded the original mission to include mentorship, public service, academic excellence, and enthusiastic athletic participation.

Through the invaluable help of hundreds of volunteers each year, the ASF rekindles the Olympic flame through State Games and local youth initiatives. Medical volunteers, sports judges/referees, presenters, event assistants, and more are needed to help keep the games fair and flourishing.

Opportunities are available for every interested citizen.

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In keeping with the Alabama State Games spirit of athletic excellence, the ASF's Wee Can Fight Obesity Program invested over \$850K for cutting-edge exercise equipment and technology for local schools. In partnership with the Alabama Department of Education, ASF incorporated the latest video gaming technology to get our students moving and to teach them the importance of activity and wellness.

Each year, the Athlete Leadership Summit proceeds the State Games' opening ceremony and is open to all athletes, coaches, parents, and volunteers in attendance. Previous speakers have included former Olympians and legendary coach Bobby Bowden.

This year, every Alabamian has the opportunity to shake off months of sitting on the couch by competing, volunteering, or simply turning up to watch. Proceeds from the games go directly to making Alabama a better place to live, work, compete, and grow.

Visit Dothan is a proud sponsor of the 2020 XXXVIII Alabama State Games. Check out Dothan's restaurants or book your accommodations today.

Together, we can keep the Olympic flame alive in the hearts of Alabama's citizens.

Drew Mack of Elba holds a shark caught over the 4th of July weekend by a friend on Navarre Beach, Fla. Drew said "that shark was all muscle!"



Local students receive Academic All-State recognition at Northeast Mississippi Community College

Northeast Mississippi Community College's student-athletes thrived scholastically during the 2019-20 school year despite disruptions to the traditional learning environment.

Fifty men and women representing each of Northeast's competitive athletic programs were honored with Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Distinguished Academic All-State were:

- Jake Kilcrease, Golf, GPA 3.53, Brantley, Ala.; and
- Dylan Moulton, Golf, GPA 3.69, Kinston, Ala.

Age ranges vary from

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Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo July 17-19 at Dauphin Island

by DAVID RAINER,

Alabama Department of

Conservation and Natural

Resources



The Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (ADSFR), the largest saltwater tournament in the nation, will revert to its roots for the 87th rodeo, scheduled July 17-19 at the rodeo site on Dauphin Island.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, the ADSFR will concentrate strictly on the great fishing along the Alabama Gulf Coast, which harkens back to the early days of the rodeo when a group of dedicated tarpon anglers assembled on Dauphin Island for the initial events.

As safety precautions, ADSFR 2020 President Cory Quint said the rodeo will not hold the Liars Contest on the Thursday night before the rodeo.

Also, the sponsors' tent and the fish viewing area will not be available for the 2020 rodeo. The music entertainment has also been dropped for this year.

Jeff Collier has been the Mayor of Dauphin Island for the past 22 years and knows what the rodeo means to Dauphin Island in terms of retail sales and rental income. With the exception of a couple of years during World War II, anglers have gathered on the island for fishing festivities.

"First and foremost, we're a fishing tournament at heart," Quint said. "Everything else we do is what we call 'the show,' which means we make it family friendly and appealing to other people outside of anglers."

Many people are not aware of how much work goes into hosting the ADSFR, which attracts more than 3,000 anglers to the small barrier island in south Mobile County. Quint said normal rodeo preparation for the next year's event starts about a month after the rodeo has fired the cannon to signal the end to the event.

"We are kind of going back to our roots as a fishing tournament. But I don't want people to be confused about our rodeo site. It is still open. If you want to come see somebody weigh in, look at the boats or watch a sunset, you can still

do that. We just can't give people a reason to congregate. All we're asking from the anglers is to be mindful of social distancing and be respectful of the Town of Dauphin Island. They really did do us a favor by allowing us to have the rodeo this year."

"But I do still think it will be a good event. People who do come down, we want them to act responsibly. We're encouraging people to wear a face covering. We're not requiring it, but we're encouraging it. As we say, we want to be part of the solution not part of the problem."

One change has been made in the ADSFR tournament categories. Rodeo anglers have 30 species of fish eligible to weigh in at the rodeo.

"The rodeo is such a historic event. This is the 87th rodeo. Any community would be happy to have them as part of the community. But, at the same time, we also commend them, because I think what they're doing under these circumstances is the right and responsible thing to do."

During a normal three-day rodeo, more than 75,000 people visit Dauphin Island for the fishing or the show. The absence of that traffic is definitely going to impact the businesses and rental properties.

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Jeff Collier has been the Mayor of Dauphin Island for the past 22 years and knows what the rodeo means to Dauphin Island in terms of retail sales and rental income. With the exception of a couple of years during World War II, anglers have gathered on the island for fishing festivities.

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